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MAPUTO FOR LOW, CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY DAKAR FOR AMB.YOUNG

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS:UK, RH, PDEV

SUBJECT: RHODESIA: INVITATION TO OBSERVERS FOR
MALTA II

I. FOR LONDON: PLEASE DISCUSS WITH FCO THE FOLLOWING
TEXT OF A PROPOSED INVITATION TO THE GOVERNMENTS OF
TANZANIA, NIGERIA, ZAMBIA, MOZAMBIQUE AND BOTSWANA TO
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SEND OBSERVERS TO THE OWEN/VANCE MEETING WITH THE
PATRIOTIC FRONT. POINT OUT TO FCO THAT WE BELIEVE THAT
COMMONWEALTH SECRETARIAT SHOULD ALSO BE INVITED TO
SEND AN OBSERVER BY THE BRITISH, OR JOINTLY BY UK/US.

2. FOR DAR, LAGOS, MAPUTO, LUSAKA, GABORONE: TAKE
NO ACTION RPT. NO ACTION TO DELIVER THIS INVITATION

UNTIL FURTHER INSTRUCTED. HOWEVER, YOU MAY INFORMALLY TELL HOST GOVERNMENT THAT INVITATION WILL BE ISSUED ONCE WE HAVE REACHED AGREEMENT WITH PF ON TIME, PLACE, ETC.

3. FOR LOW: YOU AND GRAHAM SHOULD DISCUSS GENERAL POINTS OF INVITATION TO OBSERVERS WITH PATRIOTIC FRONT, BUT SHOULD NOT GET INVOLVED IN DISCUSSION OF SPECIFIC LANGUAGE. PLEASE ADVISE IF YOU BELIEVE FORMAL INVITATION TO PF IS REQUIRED FOLLOWING YOUR

CONVERSATIONS IN MAPUTO.

4. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF INVITATION WHICH WOULD BE DELIVERED BY US AND UK AMBASSADORS/HICOMS JOINTLY TO THE FOREIGN MINISTER:

QUOTE: REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM AND THE UNITED STATES ARE CURRENTLY DISCUSSING WITH THE PARTIES CONCERNED THE INTENTION OF THE BRITISH AND AMERICAN GOVERNMENTS TO INVITE ALL THE PARTIES TO THE RHODESIAN DISPUTE TO AN EARLY MEETING. AS YOU KNOW, IT WAS DECIDED FOLLOWING EXTENSIVE CONVERSATIONS IN LAGOS ON APRIL 1 AND 2 THAT A MEETING OF ALL THE PARTIES WOULD BE PRECEDED BY A MEETING OF THE PARTICIPANTS AT THE RECENT MALTA CONFERENCE TO CONTINUE DIS-

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CUSSIONS OF MILITARY AND ASSOCIATED ARRANGEMENTS.

ACCEPTING THE KIND OFFER OF HOSPITALITY FROM PRESIDENT NYERERE, BRITISH FOREIGN SECRETARY OWEN AND AMERICAN SECRETARY OF STATE VANCE HAVE INVITED MR. NKOMO AND MR. MUGABE TO TANZANIA FOR A MEETING ON APRIL 15. THE CO-LEADERS OF THE PATRIOTIC FRONT HAVE ACCEPTED. AS CO-CHAIRMAN OF THIS MEETING, SECRETARIES VANCE AND OWEN WOULD BE MOST PLEASED IF YOU, OR A REPRESENTATIVE OF YOUR GOVERNMENT, COULD ATTEND AND PARTICIPATE IN THE MEETING AS AN OBSERVER. END QUOTE.

5. IT IS UK/US UNDERSTANDING THAT OBSERVERS WOULD BE PRESENT IN THE MEETING ROOM. VANCE

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